

Amendments to the Claims:

Fi 1. (Currently Amended) An improved vehicular weatherseal for sealing a gap intermediate a first confronting surface and a second confronting surface, the first and the second confronting surfaces moveable between a spaced apart open position and an adjacent closed position, the ~~vehicular weatherseal~~ improvement, comprising:

(a) an elongate polymeric body selected to attach to the first confronting surface, the polymeric body including a sealing portion, the sealing portion and the elongate polymeric body being monolithic, and the sealing portion adapted to be spaced from the second confronting surface in the spaced apart open position of the confronting surfaces and the sealing portion adapted to contact the second confronting surface in the adjacent closed position of the confronting surfaces; and

(b) a light generating line connected to the elongate polymeric body and extending along a longitudinal dimension of the elongate polymeric body for generating and emitting light.

2. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the light generating line emits light.

3. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the elongate polymeric body includes a carrier portion.

4. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 3, wherein the carrier portion includes a reinforcing member.

5. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 4, wherein the reinforcing member is a metal or a thermoplastic.

6. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the light generating line is one of a fiber optic, a light emitting diode and an incandescent element.

7. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 6, wherein the fiber optic is one of a glass or a plastic.

8. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the light generating line includes a side-emitting fiber optic cable.

9. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the polymeric body includes a trim portion.

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Claim 10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) An improved vehicular weatherseal assembly for sealing against a first confronting surface, the first confronting surface moveable relative to the weatherseal assembly between a spaced apart open position and an adjacent closed position, the improvement vehicular weatherseal assembly, comprising:

(a) a weatherseal body having a longitudinal dimension, and a hollow bulb shaped sealing portion projecting from the weatherseal body and sized to contact the first confronting surface in the closed position; and

(b) a fiber optic light line connected to the weatherseal body for emitting light along a portion of the longitudinal dimension.

14. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal assembly of Claim 13, wherein the weatherseal body is polymeric and includes a carrier portion.

15. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal assembly of Claim 14, wherein the carrier portion includes a seating channel sized to receive the light line.

16. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal assembly of Claim 13, wherein the fiber optic light line includes a pair of fiber optics.

17. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal assembly of Claim 13, wherein the fiber optic light line includes a side emitting fiber optic.

Claim 18 (cancelled).

Claim 19 (cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) An improved illuminating vehicular weatherseal assembly for engaging a vehicle flange, the flange including a pair of spaced parallel flange surfaces, the weatherseal assembly having a weatherseal body having a U shaped flange engaging portion sized to cooperatively engage the pair of spaced parallel flange surfaces, the improvement comprising:

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- (a) ~~a weatherseal body having a U shaped flange engaging portion sized to cooperatively engage the pair of spaced parallel flange surfaces and;~~
  - (b) a light generating line extending along a longitudinal dimension of the weatherseal body for generating and emitting light.

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~illuminating~~ improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 20, wherein the weatherseal body is polymeric.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~illuminating~~ improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 21, wherein the weatherseal body includes a seating channel sized to receive the light generating line.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~illuminating~~ improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 20, wherein the light generating line is one of a fiber optic, a light emitting diode and an incandescent element.

Claim 24 (cancelled).

Claim 25 (cancelled).

Claim 26 (cancelled).

Claim 27 (cancelled).

Claim 28 (cancelled).

Claim 29 (cancelled).

Claim 30 (cancelled).

Claim 31 (cancelled).

Claim 32 (cancelled).

Claim 33 (cancelled).

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Claim 38 (cancelled).

Claim 39 (cancelled).

Claim 40 (cancelled).

Claim 41 (cancelled).

42. (Currently Amended) An improved vehicular weatherseal for sealing a gap intermediate a first confronting surface and a second confronting surface, the first and the second confronting surfaces moveable between a spaced apart open position and an adjacent closed position, the improvement ~~vehicular weatherseal~~, comprising:

(a) an elongate polymeric body selected to attach to the first confronting surface, the elongate polymeric body including a hollow bulb shaped sealing portion projecting from the elongate polymeric body and adapted to be spaced from the second confronting surface in the spaced apart open position of the confronting surfaces and the sealing portion adapted to contact the second confronting surface in the adjacent closed position of the confronting surfaces; and

(b) a light transmitting line connected to the elongate polymeric body and extending along a longitudinal dimension of the elongate polymeric body for transmitting light along a length of the light transmitting line.

43. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 42, wherein the light transmitting line emits light.

44. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 42, wherein the elongate polymeric body includes a carrier portion.

45. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 44, wherein the carrier portion includes a reinforcing member.

46. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 45, wherein the reinforcing member is a metal or a thermoplastic.

47. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 42, further comprising at least one of a fiber optic, a light emitting diode and an incandescent element.

48. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 47, wherein the fiber optic is one of a glass or a plastic.

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49. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 42, wherein the light transmitting line is a side-emitting fiber optic cable.

50. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 42, wherein the elongate polymeric body includes a trim portion.

51. (Currently Amended) An improved vehicular weatherseal assembly for engaging a vehicle flange, the flange including a pair of spaced parallel flange surfaces, the weatherseal assembly having a U shaped flange engaging portion sized to cooperatively engage the pair of spaced parallel flange surfaces, the improvement comprising:

(a) ~~a weatherseal body having a U shaped flange engaging portion sized to cooperatively engage the pair of spaced parallel flange surfaces and;~~

(b) a light transmitting line extending along a longitudinal dimension of the weatherseal body for transmitting light.

52. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 51 wherein the weatherseal body includes a polymeric body connected to the light transmitting line.

53. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 52, wherein the polymeric body includes a seating channel sized to receive the light transmitting line.

54. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 51, further comprising one of a fiber optic, a light emitting diode and an incandescent element.

55. (Currently Amended) An improved vehicular weatherseal for sealing a gap intermediate a first and a second confronting surface, the first and second confronting surfaces moveable between a spaced apart open position and an adjacent closed position, the vehicular weatherseal improvement comprising:

(a) an elongate polymeric body selected to attach to the first confronting surface, the elongate polymeric body including a sealing portion, the elongate polymeric body and the sealing portion being monolithic, the sealing portion adapted to be spaced from the second confronting surface in the spaced apart open position of the confronting surfaces and the sealing portion adapted to contact the second confronting surface in the adjacent closed position of the confronting surfaces; and

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Cont (b) a light transmitting line connected to the elongate polymeric body, the light transmitting line transmitting light along a length of the light transmitting line.

56. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 55, wherein the light transmitting line emits light.

57. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 55, wherein the elongate polymeric body includes a carrier portion.

58. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 57, wherein the carrier portion includes a reinforcing member.

59. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 58, wherein the reinforcing member is a metal or a thermoplastic.

60. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 55, further comprising at least one of a fiber optic, a light emitting diode and an incandescent element.

61. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 60, wherein the fiber optic is one of a glass or a plastic.

62. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 55, wherein the light transmitting line is a side-emitting fiber optic cable.

63. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 55, wherein the elongate polymeric body includes a trim portion.

64. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 55, wherein the light transmitting line extends along less than an entire length of the elongate polymeric body.

65. (Currently Amended) An improved vehicular weatherseal for sealing a gap intermediate a first and a second confronting surface, the first and second confronting surfaces moveable between a spaced apart open position and an adjacent closed position, the weatherseal, comprising:

(a) an elongate polymeric body selected to attach to the first confronting surface, the elongate polymeric body including a hollow bulb shaped sealing portion extending from the elongate polymeric body and adapted to be spaced from the second confronting surface in the spaced apart open position of the confronting

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surfaces and the sealing portion adapted to contact the second confronting surface in the adjacent closed position of the confronting surfaces; and

(b) a light generating line connected to a length of the elongate polymeric body for generating and emitting light.

66. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 65, wherein the light generating line emits light.

67. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 65, wherein the elongate polymeric body includes a carrier portion.

68. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 67, wherein the carrier portion includes a reinforcing member.

69. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 68, wherein the reinforcing member is a metal or a thermoplastic.

70. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 65, wherein the light generating line is one of a fiber optic, a light emitting diode and an incandescent element.

71. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 70, wherein the fiber optic is one of a glass or a plastic.

72. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 70, wherein the light generating line includes a side-emitting fiber optic cable.

73. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claim 65, wherein the elongate polymeric body includes a trim portion.

74. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claims 1, 42, 55 or 65, wherein the elongate polymeric body includes at least one of a plastic, thermoplastic, thermosetting, thermoplastic elastomer, ethylene-propylene-diene-monomer, ethylene vinyl acetate, polyvinyl chloride, and polypropylene.

75. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claims 1 or 3, wherein the light generating line extends along less than an entire length of the elongate polymeric body.

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76. (Currently Amended) The improved vehicular weatherseal of Claims 42 or 65, wherein the light transmitting line extends along less than an entire length of the elongate polymeric body.

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